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FM AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

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INFO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY BUJUMBURA IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

C O N F I D E N T I A L KINSHASA 4465

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CASC (SMITH, HUNTER)

SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS

REF: NAIROBI'S 4337

1. IN COURSE CONTINUING CLOSE EXCHANGES WITH AMBASSADOR VERKADE HERE, I ASKED HIM TO APPROACH FOREIGN MINISTRY IN SUPPORT OF OUR REQUEST FOR RADIO MESSAGE. HE ALSO PLANS PUT QUESTION TO GOZ AS TO HOW THEY THINK NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BEST BE CONDUCTED AND TO STRESS NEED FOR CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH GOT AND GOVERNMENTS WHOSE CITIZENS ARE PRISONERS.

2. HE GAVE ME ACCOUNT OF AMBASSADOR FEIN'S SECOND DISCUSSION WITH MUGWADI WHICH CONTAINED ONE POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT FACT NOT MENTIONED IN NAIROBI'S 4337. FEIN QUOTES MUGWADI AS SAYING TASS NAIROBI COULD BE SOURCE OF FUNDS FOR HIS PROPOSED MISSION TO NEGOTIATE RELEASE OF DUTCH STUDENT. COULD IT BE THAT SOVIETS ARE SOMEHOW INVOLVED IN ALL THIS? ISN'T THERE SOMETHING PECULIAR ABOUT KABILA GROUP INVOLVING SOME FAIRLY OPERATION, SOPHISTICATED PLANNING? IS IT POSSIBLE THAT MUGWADI WENT TO SEE AMBASSADOR FEIN UNDER SOME INSTRUCTIONS RATHER THAN ON HIS OWN

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INITIATIVE? WHILE IT PERFECTLY CLEAR MUGWADI IS UNRELIABLE FELLOW, IT

ALSO NOW STRIKES ME THAT HE KNOWS A GREAT DEAL ABOUT PLAYERS  
AND LINK TO NDAMAGARA OF AFRO-ASIAN SOLIDARITY  
HEADQUARTERS IN BUJUMBURA IS ALSO INTERESTING TIE INTO  
WHAT MAY BE SOVIET APPARATUS.

3. THE HAGUE HAS NOW INSTRUCTED FEIN THAT IN CASE OF  
FURTHER CONTACT HE MIGHT INDICATE SOME POSSIBILITY THAT  
WERE DUTCH STUDENT RELEASED, HER FAMILY MIGHT PROVIDE  
REWARD. MAIN GIST OF INSTRUCTION IS THAT MONEY PAYMENT  
TO MUGWADI IS NOT POSSIBLE, BUT THE SMELL OF THIS  
INCENTIVE IS ALSO ENVISAGED.

4. WITHOUT MENTIONING DEVLIN BY NAME, I ALSO TOLD VERKADE  
THAT I HOPED AN AMERICAN WOULD HAVE A DIRECT CONVERSATION  
WITH MOBUTU THIS WEEKEND AND ASKED HIM IF HE  
HAD ANY IDEAS AS TO WHAT MIGHT BE SAID. HE REPLIED  
WITHOUT HESITATION THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL COULD ON  
HIS BEHALF STATE THAT DUTCH QUEEN IS PERSONALLY  
INTERESTED AND CONCERNED ABOUT SITUATION. VERKADE  
SAYS MOBUTU HAS MADE CLEAR HE WANTS INVITATION TO THE  
NETHERLANDS AND HAS SIGNALLED THIS IN VARIOUS WAYS. THUS,  
HE BELIEVES, AND I SHARE BELIEF, THAT THIS INDICATION  
OF QUEEN'S PERSONAL CONCERN WILL STRENGTHEN OUR CASE  
WITH MOBUTU.  
HINTON

NOTE BY OCT: COORDINATED WITH S/SO, MR. TANNER.

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